

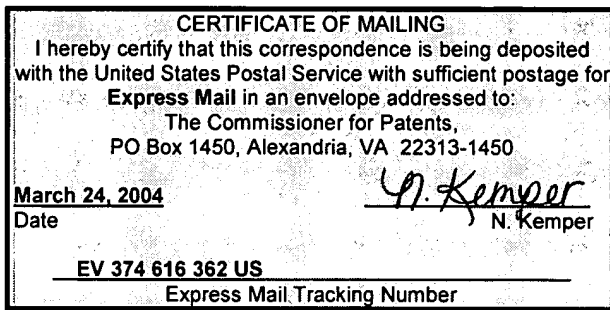


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Applicant : Bell *et al.*  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections and provide the following remarks and arguments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.